

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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September 4, 1996

Matthew J. Obradovich Acting Area Manager Bureau of Land Management Henry Mountain Resource Area P. O. Box 99 Hanksville, Utah 84734

Re: Notice of Mining Operations, Leonard Powell/James Baker, Antlas #2, UTU-71612, Garfield County, Utah

Dear Mr. Obradovich:

Thank you for forwarding the Notice of Intention to conduct non-mechanized mining operations from Leonard Powell and James Baker. The notice is for their Anitas #2 mining claim located in NE/4 of Section 13, T33S, R10E, SLBM. Your file number is UTU-71612.

We initially attempted to evaluate this Notice under the Small Mining Operation section of our minerals rules. Upon examination of the notice it became apparent that the proposed mining activities will be performed with hand tools only. For further clarification, we placed a phone call to your office wherein you confirmed that only hand tools were being used. The requirements of Rule R647-3 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, et seq., of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 only authorize the Division to process notices that propose to use *mechanized* equipment to conduct mining operations. Therefore, we have no jurisdiction over the mining activities as presently proposed under this notice. If Mr. Powell or Mr. Baker decide to expand their mining operation to involve the use of mechanized equipment, then they will have to file the appropriate notice with this Division before beginning their mechanized work.

As you may be aware, on July 9, 1996, I accompanied Frank "Buzz" Rakow of your office in performing a joint agency site inspection of this project. During the inspection we noted a couple areas at the site that present a potential safety concern to the general public. There were two excavations observed on the site that could result in serious injury to an unsuspecting party who may come upon the mine site while using the general area. One of the excavations consists of an underground opening/entry that has been hollowed out of an existing spring. There may have been 1 ½ - 2 feet of unconsolidated cover/overburden above the entry which is of questionable stability. We could see no signs of any internal roof support from outside the entry. The opening is roughly 4 - 5 feet in diameter. Water was discharging from the opening into an excavated trench leading away from the underground opening. Numerous cattle were observed using the immediate area around the spring. The second excavation was a hand dug vertical shaft that is located in an adjacent sagebrush



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flat, about 75 yards northwest of the underground entry. The shaft was estimated to be 20-25 feet deep and approximately 7 feet by 2 ½ feet in surface dimensions. A series of rocks were piled up encircling the opening and a short wooden ladder had been laid across the rocks over the open hole. If a person or animal fell into this hole, it would be extremely difficult (if not impossible) to get out without assistance. In my opinion, the operator should secure these openings to prevent or minimize the risk of possible serious personal injury.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5286.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

Minerals Reclamation Program

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Leonard Powell/James Baker, Operator

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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT HENRY MOUNTAIN RESOURCE AREA P. O. BOX 99 HANKSVILLE, UTAH 84734



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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August 21, 1996

D. Wayne Hedberg
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
PO Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Enclosed is a copy of the following mining notice:

BLM Serial No.

UTU-71612

Operator

Leonard L. Powell James L. Baker

This is an ongoing operation and is filed under the existing Serial #UTU-71612. This is sent to you in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between our two agencies.

Should you have questions regarding this notice, please call Francis Rakow at (801) 542-3461.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Obradovich Acting Area Manager

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HENRY MOUNTAIN RESOURCE AREA

NOTICE OR PLAN OF OPERATIONS

(For Operations Proposed Under the 43 CFR 3809 Regulations)

Instructions to Claimant/Operator: Circle "Notice" above if operations within the project area propose to disturb a total of five (5) acres or less during the calendar year. Circle "Plan of Operations" if the proposed disturbance will exceed five (5) acres during the calendar year or if your operations are proposed in an area listed in 3809.1-4(b). Complete the form in as much detail as possible. Use maps or sketches where appropriate (maps or sketches are required for submitted plans of operations and are recommended but not are required for submitted plans of operations and are recommended, but not required, for submitted notices). A review of 43 CFR 3809 Regulations should be conducted prior to completion of this form and submission to the appropriate BLM office.

Claimant Information:

Name Leonard L. Powell James L. Baker

509 Cotton wood RD Apt D3 637-3452. price 4t. 84501 Operator Information: (If different than claimant) 637-8135

Mailing Address

<u>Telephone</u>

Name Leonard L. Pawell 509 Cottoneood CD D3 637-3952 Price Ut. 84501

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James L. Baker 375 N 15 East 637 61: Claim Information: (If activities are proposed on BLM administered lands where no claims have been located, describe the area by Township, Range, and Section).

Claim Name Antlas #2

BLM Serial # 351337

Claim Type (Lode, Millsite, etc.) Lode

Sec. 13 T33 5: 10E

North East Quader

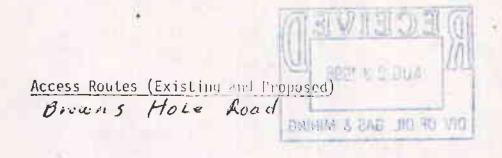
Proposed Operations: Describe the entire proposed operation, including all surface disturbing activities (road construction, drilling, trenching, backhoe and bulldozer exploration, mining, waste disposal, etc.). List all mechanized earth moving equipment to be used during the operation and state if any explosives are to be utilized. Describe and furnish a map or sketch, when appliances are to be utilized. cable, showing existing surface disturbances, structures, facilities, etc., and the location and size of areas where surface disturbances are proposed, including existing and/or proposed routes of access. Calculate the total acreage proposed for disturbance (1 AC. = 43,560 sq. ft.).

Date Operations are Proposed to Commence as Outlined in this Submittal -(Month, Day, Year):

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<u>Proposed Reclamation</u>: Describe the proposed reclamation procedures and other measures to be taken to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of the lands, including measures to be taken if a period of non-operation is anticipated.

I hereby declare that I, or persons I have authorized to do so, will complete all necessary reclamation of areas disturbed during the course of my operations to the standards described in 43 CFR 3809.1-3(d) and that reasonable measures will be taken to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of the federal lands during operations.

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Date

Notice to Claimants/Operators:

- 1. A notice submitted in relation to the 43 CFR 3809 regulations does not require approval from the BLM. However, notification of such activities shall be made at least 15 days before commencing operations. Approval of a submitted plan of operations is required from the BLM prior to commencing operations. The BLM will promptly acknowledge receipt of a plan and will notify the claimant/operator of the status of the plan within 30 days of receipt.
- 2. Approval of a plan of operations does not constitute certification of ownership to any person named as claimant/operator herein, nor does approval constitute recognition of the validity of any mining claims named herein.
- 3. Information and data submitted and specifically identified by the operator as containing trade secrets or confidential or privileged commercial or financial information should be attached to a separate page and cited in the text of the notice or plan of operations. This information will be filed separately by the BLM and will not be available for public inspection.
- 4. Failure of an operator to file a notice under 3809.1-3 or a plan of operations under 3809.1-4 will subject the operator, at the discretion of the authorized officer, to being served a notice of non-compliance or enjoined from the continuation of such operations by a court order until such time as a plan or notice is filed with the authorized officer.

